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1. The following breakdown shows the strength of the Bulgarian Air Force by type and model of aircraft:

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Type	No. of Jets	No. of Reciprocating Aircraft	Total	Model
Fighters	200	50	250	FALCON, FLORA, FRANK
Dive Bombers		100	100	BARK, BEAST
Reconnaissance		30	30	BUCK
Light Bombers		80	80	BUCK, BAT
Transports		20	20	CAB, JU-52
Total	200	280	480	

The total number of 480 aircraft is small in comparison with the large number of existing air regiments (about 20). This is because almost all units are short of the number of aircraft provided for in the T/O & E. In addition to the aircraft listed above, Bulgaria has an unidentified number of hydroplanes of unknown models.

2. The Bulgarian Air Force is composed of the following:

- a. 12 fighter regiments;
- b. 5 (?) bomber regiments;
- c. 1 reconnaissance regiment;
- d. 3 dive bomber regiments;
- e. 1 air transport unit; and
- f. 1 hydroplane unit.

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3. The following is the OB of the Bulgarian Air Force:

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- a. 1 Jet Fighter Division in Tolbukhin includes:
    - 22 Fighter Regiment in Tolbukhin
    - 25 Fighter Regiment in Tolbukhin
    - 27 Fighter Regiment in Bezmer (N 42-27, E 26-21);
  - b. 2 Bomber Division in Stara Zagora includes:
    - 34 Bomber Regiment in Stara Zagora;
  - c. 3 Bomber Division in Balchik includes:
    - 28 Bomber Regiment in Balchik
    - 42 Bomber Regiment in Balchik
    - 46 Bomber Regiment in Balchik;
  - d. 4 Jet Fighter Division in Sofia/Kumaritsa (N 42-48, E 23-19) includes:
    - 11 Fighter Regiment in Sofia/Kumaritsa
    - 43 Fighter Regiment in Sofia/Kumaritsa
    - ? Fighter Regiment in Gabrovnitsa (N 43-33, E 23-11);
  - e. 5 Dive Bomber Division in Plovdiv includes:
    - 23 Dive Bomber Regiment in Plovdiv
    - 17 Dive Bomber Regiment in Krumovo (N 42-05, E 24-49)
    - 20 Dive Bomber Regiment in Krumovo;
  - f. 9 Bomber Division in Yambol includes:
    - ? Bomber Regiment in Yambol;
  - g. 10 Jet Fighter Division in Graf Ignatievo (N 42-17, E 24-44) includes:
    - 19 Fighter Regiment in Graf Ignatievo
    - 15 Fighter Regiment in Ravnets (N 42-31, E 27-15)
    - 21 Fighter Regiment in Bezmer;
  - h. ? Mixed Fighter Division in Levskigrad includes:
    - 14 Reciprocating Fighter Regiment in Levskigrad
    - 18 Reciprocating Fighter Regiment in Bozhurishte (N 42-45, E 23-12)
    - ? Jet Fighter Regiment in Khaskovo/Uzundzhovo (N 41-57, E 25-40); and
  - i. Independent units including:
    - 26 Reconnaissance Regiment in Gorna Oryakhovitsa
    - 8 Naval Aviation Command in Stalin
    - 16 Transport Regiment in Sofia/Vrazhdebna (N 42-42, E 23-25).
4. The following is a legend to symbols used in the table of airfields below:

- I- Airfields for use by all types of aircraft, with noteworthy airfield installations, equipped with long runways or a large landing area, with a surface such as to allow continuous use;
- II- Airfields which cannot be used by the most modern jet aircraft or by heavy aircraft, with runways 1,200 - 1,500 meters in length or a landing area of similar size, equipped with noteworthy airfield installations;
- III- Airfields for use by only single or twin-reciprocating engine aircraft, with runways or landing areas no more than 1,100 meters in length and with modest airfield installations;
- IV- Emergency or training airfields;
- A- Work in progress toward enlarging and improving the runway, field, and installations;
- B- Bulgarian Air Force;
- S- Soviet Air Force in Bulgaria;
- Civ - Airport for Civilian Airline;

\* - Probable coordinates of the airfield;  
 \*\*- Coordinates of the locality with the same name as the airfield, when airfield location is not known.

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<u>Airfield</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Asen	N 42-40-00, E 25-12-00	II, A	
Balchik (East)	N 43-24-30, E 28-12-00	II	B, S
Balchik (Northeast)	N 43-26-00, E 28-11-00		
Bezmer	N 42-27-30, E 26-21-00	I	B
Blagoevgrad	N 42-00-00, E 23-04-00	III	
Botevgrad	N 42-54-00, E 23-47-00**	IV	
Bukhovtsi	N 43-18-00, E 26-41-30*	IV, A	
Burgas/Atanasovo	N 42-32-30, E 27-27-30	III	Civ
Burgas/Black Sea	N 42-30-00, E 27-29-00*	Hydroplane base	
Burgas/Sarajovo	N 42-35-30, E 27-32-00*	III	Civ
Dimitrovgrad	N 42-03-00, E 25-38-00*	IV	
Dolna Mitropoliya	N 43-27-00, E 24-30-30	II	B
Dolni Dubnik	N 43-24-00, E 24-23-30	III	
Elkhovo	N 42-08-00, E 26-32-00	IV	
Gabrovnitsa	N 43-33-00, E 23-16-00	I	
Gabrovo	N 42-52-00, E 25-19-30*	III, A	
Golyamo Konare	N 42-16-30, E 24-30-30	III, A	
Gorna Oryakhovitsa	N 43-09-00, E 25-43-00	II	Civ, B
Gorski Izvor	N 42-02-00, E 25-55-00	I	
Gotse Delchev	N 41-33-30, E 23-46-00	II	
Graf Ignatievo	N 42-19-00, E 24-43-30	I	B
Ikhtiman	N 42-25-00, E 23-48-30	IV, A	
Kalofer	N 42-37-00, E 25-03-00	IV	B
Kazanluk	N 42-38-00, E 25-22-30	II	B
Kazanluk/Banite	N 42-36-00, E 25-25-00	IV	
Kharmanli/Ivanovo	N 41-50-00, E 22-52-00	III	
Khaskovo/Malevo	N 41-51-00, E 25-37-00	III	
Kolarovgrad	N 43-17-00, E 26-56-30	IV	
Krumovo/Asenovgrad	N 42-03-00, E 24-51-20	II	B
Kyustendil	N 42-17-00, E 22-39-30*	II, A	S
Levski	N 43-22-00, E 25-09-00*	IV	
Levskigrad/Marino Pole	N 42-35-30, E 24-53-00	II	B
Lom	N 43-48-30, E 23-13-00	IV	
Lovech	N 43-10-30, E 24-42-00	II	B, Important inst.
Lyubenova Makhala	N 42-22-00, E 26-00-00	I	
Maslarevo	N 43-25-00, E 25-28-00**	II	S
Musachevo	N 42-39-00, E 23-32-30	IV	
Orlino/Dospat	N 41-42-00, E 24-05-00	III	
Petrich	N 41-23-35, E 23-09-30	III	
Plovdiv	N 42-07-30, E 24-46-00	II	Civ, B
Polikrayshte	N 43-12-30, E 25-39-00	III	
Radomir/Vurba	N 42-31-45, E 22-57-45	IV	
Ravnets	N 42-31-30, E 27-15-30	I	B
Resen	N 43-12-15, E 25-34-00	IV	Auxiliary airfield of Polikrayshte
Ruse	N 43-51-30, E 25-59-00*	IV	
Seslavtsi	N 42-47-00, E 23-31-15**	III, A	
Shipka/Sheynovo	N 42-41-30, E 25-20-00	IV, A	
Simitli	N 41-52-45, E 23-06-30	IV	
Sliven	N 42-39-30, E 26-21-00	III	
Smolyan	N 41-29-00, E 24-39-00*	IV	
Sofia/Bozhurishte	N 42-45-00, E 23-11-00	II	B
Sofia/Kumaritsa	N 42-49-00, E 23-18-00	I	B
Sofia/Vrazhdebna	N 42-42-00, E 23-24-00	I	B, Civ
Stalin/Aksakovo	N 43-14-30, E 27-47-30	III	Civ
Stalin/Penerdzhi	N 43-10-45, E 27-48-30	II, A	S, B
Stalin/Chayka	N 43-10-47, E 27-48-30*	Hydroplane Base	B, S
Stalin/Sesevmes	N 43-11-15, E 27-53-00	III	
Stanke Dimitrov	N 42-17-30, E 23-08-30	IV	
Stanke Dimitrov/Kraynitsi	N 42-18-15, E 23-11-30*	IV	
Stara Zagora	N 42-22-00, E 25-41-00	II	B

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Telish	N 43-20-30, E 24-15-00	II	B
Tolbukhin/Northeast	N 43-35-55, E 27-52-00	II	
Tolbukhin/North	N 43-35-55, E 27-49-00	I	B
Tolbukhin/East-Southeast	N 43-33-00, E 27-57-00	III	
Troyan	N 42-51-30, E 24-47-00*	III	
Tutrakan	N 44-03-00, E 26-36-30**	IV	
Uzundzhovo	N 41-58-00, E 25-35-30	I	B
Vidin	N 44-01-00, E 22-49-30	III	
Vratsa	N 43-13-30, E 23-31-30	III	
Yambol	N 42-30-30, E 26-29-00	II	B, S
Yambol/Botevo	N 42-21-15, E 26-22-00**	III	

5. The following is a list of Bulgarian Air Force schools:

Air Force Academy in Dolna Mitropoliya  
 Pilot school ? in Kazanluk  
 Pilot school (probably school for Academy students) in Dolna Mitropoliya  
 Pilot school in Burgas/Atanasovo  
 A section of a pilot school in Krumovo  
 Bomber school ? in Stara Zagora  
 Fighter school and mechanics school in Balchik  
 Fighter school in Gorna Oryakhovitsa  
 Fighter school and radiomen's school in Levskigrad  
 School for pilots, drivers, and parachutists in Sofia/Bozhurishte  
 School for pilots and parachutists in Stalin  
 School for mechanics in Sofia/Vrazhdebna  
 School for instrument flying and fighter and bomber training in Telish  
 Technical school and bomber school ? in Lovech  
 Glider school in Kalofer  
 Radio Communications school in Sofia  
 Civilian pilot school ? in Yambol  
 Paramilitary parachute schools ? in Plovdiv, Panagyurishte, Pazardzhik, and Peshtera.

6. The names of the Bulgarian Air Force Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Political Commander are not known.

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